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**UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE DO/EO/US**

This is a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed on March 22, 2002.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). An unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed January 23, 2002. Also enclosed is the original combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for this application signed by Inventor Herman Philip GODFRIED.

### **COMPLETION FEES**

A check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed for payment of the surcharge fee for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application or to credit any overpayment in connection herewith to deposit account number 10-0447 of JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C. for any of the following fees:

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- (4) 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(5) for payment of extension fees pursuant to §1.136(a); and
- (5) 37 CFR §1.17 for payment of application processing fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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